

In re Appln. of HISADA et al.
Application No. 09/622,206

REMARKS

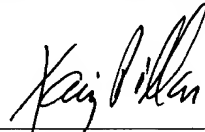
Claims 2-10 have been amended to provide article "the". New claims 11-21 have been added and are directed to embodiments of the invention. No new matter has been added.

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement. Applicants elect, with traverse, claim 8 (Group V) for further prosecution.

The available evidence does not support that there is serious burden on the Examiner to search and examine all the claims together. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the restriction requirement.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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